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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting at DIAMC re Transfer of Foreign Names Work to DoD

1. I attended a meeting at DIAMC on 22 August 1967 at which the following persons were in attendance:



Meredith Burrill..... Office of Geography (Interior)
Al Beldon..... Office of Geography (Interior)
John Mutziger..... Office of Geography (Interior)
Ollie Schelsnes..... Office of Geography (Interior)
Dick Hall..... Office of Geography (Interior)



2. The objective of the meeting was to give the BGN group an initial briefing on DIA and DIAMC's role in the Agency. The transfer of the foreign names work from the Department of Interior to DoD will be assigned to the overall management of DIAMC, with production responsibility given to AMS. At the same time, all names work in DoD will be officially assigned to AMS as executive agent, although day-to-day production will also continue at ACIC and HO.

3. Items of general interest might be noted:

a. The foreign names work will be ground into the big machine along with all other military requirements.

b. Several (probably less than 6) top-level persons of BGN will be assigned to DIAMC and the others to AMS.

c. Office space is planned at AMS, but not until at least June 1968.

d. Long-range plans to automate name production and publication are active.

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4. A short discussion related to the NIS Gazetteer Program. We reviewed the requirement for continuing the production and publication of gazetteers -- they appear to accept this without question. They suggested that they might wish to substitute a map series gazetteer for the "NIS" when it was available for a specific country and covered a map scale of approximately 1:250,000. I have the impression they expect the NIS to continue establishing the schedule and priorities for gazetteer production. (They will grind it into their Plans and Programs sections.) Distribution of gazetteers to non-government recipients, as has been the practice, was left unresolved. We reviewed the current (FY '68) fiscal situation. I reported that CIA was committing [redacted] toward gazetteer production along with monies for card punching and final reproduction [redacted]. I also stated that we assumed DoD would pick up the entire tab in FY '69. Pegler reacted by stating that he understood [redacted] that CIA would continue to assume final printing costs in FY '69 and beyond. (Reason: Part of NIS production, which CIA costs. We actually have budgeted [redacted] for printing in FY '69.) This point was not resolved, but I agreed to investigate and report back to DIAMC within the next several weeks.

5. Attached is a copy of proposed staff activities Pete Burrill presented to DIAMC.

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